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Norway Princess Märtha Louise to Visit Library to Promote New Children's Book

Princess Märtha Louise of Norway will visit the Carmel Mountain Ranch Library on Monday, April 3 to read and sign her recent children's book.

Throughout her life as a royal, Princess Märtha Louise has heard numerous disappointed children asking their parents how she could possibly be a princess if she isn't wearing a crown. To set things straight, she has written a book about it. "**Why Kings and Queens Don't Wear Crowns,**" a Norwegian best-seller written in classic fairy tale style, is now available in English.

The visit to the Carmel Valley Ranch Branch Library is part of a month-long U.S. book tour in April with book readings and signings in 20

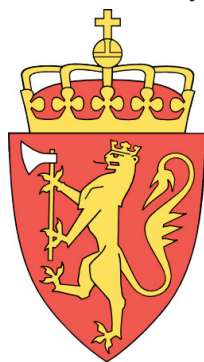
cities in eight states.

As she did on her first tour, she will undoubtedly win the hearts of audiences across the country with tales of her royal childhood and her animated telling of the book, which is based on the childhood of her grandfather, the late King Olav V. Little Prince Olav tries to do everything other Norwegian children do – with a crown on his head. As you can imagine, crowns don't hold up well while sledding, making snowmen, and ski-jumping. In the end, his crown is put away

for safe-keeping, and the little prince learns the important lesson that it isn't the decorative crown on your head that matter most, but rather the one you wear in your heart.

Princess Märtha Louise, 34, is the only daughter of King Harald V and Queen Sonja. She is a respected storyteller, and has done readings for children throughout Norway. She has also hosted television shows reading fairy tales for children. The princess studied English literature at Oxford, and obtained certification as a physical therapist. She advocates for disabled children and manages her own business as a cultural mediator. She released a CD in 2002 with the highly respected Oslo Gospel Choir. As an avid horse lover, she has participated in equestrian events throughout Europe and has produced a television series about horses. She lives with her husband Ari Behn, and

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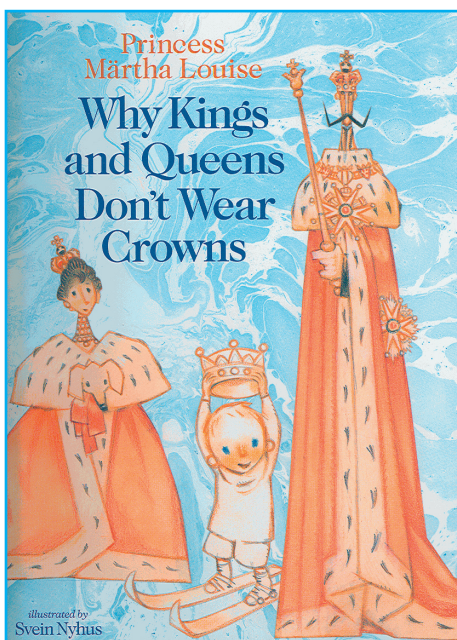


Princess Märtha Louise will sign and read from her children's book "*Why Kings and Queens Don't Wear Crowns.*"

Special Program Celebrates National Poetry Month

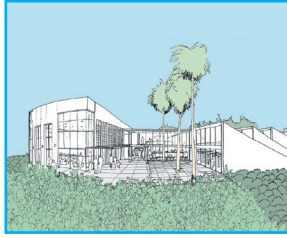
In celebration of National Poetry Month in April, the Library's "Entre Nous Showcase" program will feature readings by several local poets and other writers, including Library staff members. The event will be held April 21, at 7:30 p.m., at the Performance Annex of the City Heights/Weingart Branch Library, 3795 Fairmount Ave.

The Entre Nous Showcase spotlights the hidden talents of staff members of the San Diego Public Library each month. Donations are accepted and will go toward youth programs at libraries. Those featured will include **James Bliesner, Jihmye Collins, Jennfer Geran, Kim Noriega, Kim Schmidt and Bobbie West**, with music by **Marsha Forman and Micheall Figgins**. For more information, call 619-641-6103.



Grand Re-Opening Scheduled Friday, April 7 for Expanded Otay Mesa-Nestor Library

The Otay Mesa-Nestor Branch Library will officially re-open Friday, April 7 with a special ribbon-cutting ceremony. The original 10,000-square-foot facility has been expanded to 15,000 square feet with more room for books, computers and other resources. This project is part of a citywide program to revitalize the City's library system. The ceremony will take place at 2:30 p.m. at 3003 Coronado Ave. The public is invited to participate.



All Libraries to be Closed on Sunday, April 16

All libraries usually open on Sunday will be closed Sunday, April 16 on Easter. Book drops will remain open at all library locations as a convenience to return books and other materials. All libraries will be open again with regular operating hours on Monday, April 17.

Local Author Event at San Carlos

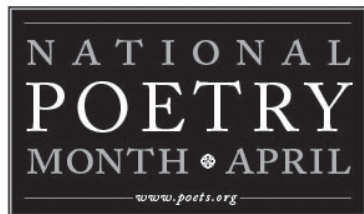
Local author **James H. Nelson**, M.D., will discuss his book "A God for the 21st Century: A Personal Quest" on April 26 at 7 p.m. at the San Carlos Branch Library, 7265 Jackson Drive. Call 619-527-3430 for more information.

String Trio to Perform Beethoven, Dohnanyi

As part of the Library's Winter/Spring Concert Series, **Ronald Goldman**, violin; **Adam Burnbaum**, viola; and **Ben Pfeifer**, cello; will perform string trios by Beethoven and Dohnanyi. The free event will be held in the third floor auditorium on April 9 at 2:30 p.m. in the Central Library, 820 E St. Call 619-236-5810 for more information.

Poetry Workshop to be Held April 8

As part of National Poetry Month, the Library will host a Poetry Workshop on April 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. The workshop will be taught by Susan Luzaro, a poet and writer. The class is limited to 15 participants. Pre-registration is required and can be made by calling 619-236-5847. Bring 15 copies of one of your poems for the class to critique. The workshop will be held in the third floor Wangenheim Room of the Central Library, located at 820 E St.



Free Films at Libraries



The Library presents a variety of free films, many of which are independent or foreign films not widely distributed. Others are classic and family-friendly movies. For more information about films being shown, visit the Calendar of Events section on the Library's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

Digital Storytelling Station to be Showcased at Central Library

The Library, in cooperation with the Media Arts Center of San Diego, will host a Digital Community Storytelling Station in the Arts, Music & Recreation section of the Central Library from April 3 through June 30.

The public is invited to participate in the program and have their unique stories recorded.

Community storytelling makes use of a wide range of different types of stories and themes to explore and build local community. These stories can include personal and family stories, stories from local history; stories about local successes; contemporary stories about the local environment, characters or problems; traditional stories from cultural groups; stories of disadvantaged groups; and, folk tales and fairy tales.

Digital storytelling tells a story created in a digital format, most often by using a computer. By integrating a variety of digital media – including audio, video, pictures, and images, the storytellers of tomorrow create digital stories that can be watched on television monitors, computers, handheld computing devices, as well as gaming devices. As digital information, these stories can be easily stored, archived, transferred, or manipulated.

This project is part of "BARRIO LOGAN: Youth Voices & Community Stories," a one-year digital storytelling project that will help sustain, support, celebrate and maintain community identity and pride in an area that is widely regarded as a spiritual center for Latino civic engagement. However, residents of all San Diego communities are welcome to participate. The project is funded by the California State Library.

A representative from the Media Arts Center of San Diego will be on site between the hours of 6 to 8 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, to demonstrate the Digital Community Storytelling Station. The Central Library is located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego.

For more information, call the Central Library at 619-236-5821 or the Media Arts Center of San Diego at 619-230-1938.

Yitzhak Nakash, author of "Reaching for Power: The Shi'a in the Modern Arab World," to Speak on April 1

The Library will host Yitzhak Nakash, one of the world's foremost experts on Shi'ism, who will read from his newest book "Reaching for Power: The Shi'a in the Modern Arab World." The free event will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April. 1 in the third floor auditorium, on the third floor of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego.

As the world focuses on the conflict in Iraq, the most important political players in that country today are not the Sunni insurgents. Instead, they are Iraq's Shi'i majority – part of the Middle East's 90 million Shi'i Muslims who hold the key to the future of the region and the relations between Muslim and Western societies. So contends Yitzhak Nakash, an expert on Shi'ism.

Nakash traces the role of the Shi'is in the struggle that is raging today among Muslims for the soul of Islam. He shows that in contrast to the growing militancy among Sunni groups since the 1990s, Shi'is have shifted their focus from confrontation to accommodation with the West. Constituting 60 percent of the population of Iraq, they stand squarely at the center of the U.S government's attempt to remake the Middle East and bring democracy to the region. The book alerts readers to the strong nationalist sentiments of Shi'is, underscoring the difficult challenge that the United States

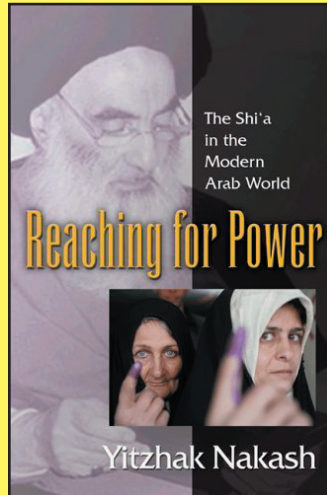
faces in attempting to impose a new order in the Middle East.

The book provides a comprehensive historical perspective on Shi'ism, beginning with the emergence of the movement during the seventh century, continuing through its rise as a political force since the Iranian Islamic Revolution of 1978-79, and leading up to the Iraqi elections of January 2005.

Drawing extensively on Arabic sources, this comparative study highlights the reciprocal influences shaping the political development of Shi'is in Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, and Lebanon, as well as the impact of the revival of Shi'ism on the larger Arab world. The narrative concludes with an assessment of the risks and possibilities arising from the assertion of Shi'i power in Iraq and from America's attempt

to play an increasingly forceful role in the Middle East.

Yitzhak Nakash is an associate professor of modern Middle East studies at Brandeis University. He has contributed articles to such publications as *Foreign Affairs*, *Newsweek* and *The New York Times*. Wahrenbrock's Book House will sell copies of "Reaching for Power" at the event. Proceeds benefit Friends of the Central Library. For more information, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the San Diego Public Library at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.



Help Program Available for Small Businesses

The Library hosts free counseling sessions for small businesses with SCORE (Counselors to America's Small Business). The next event will be held April 12, at 6 p.m., in the Second Floor Meeting Room of the Central Library, 820 E St. Each session provides an opportunity to discuss various business challenges first-time and seasoned small business owners face in a competitive business world. Topics covered may include business plans, business start-up, finances, marketing, business expansion, and other issues. Participants meet one-on-one with a SCORE counselor. These counselors have received high marks from those who have already attended a session. Call or email to reserve seating. Walk-ins are welcome. To register or for more information, please contact the Business Resources & Technology Link at the Social Sciences section at 619-238-6630, email businesslink@sandiego.gov.



Film Series Continues with "Women on Death Row"

As part of the continuing "Spring Film Series," presented by the Library and the San Diego Women Film Foundation, the documentary "Women on Death Row" will be shown April 12, at 6 p.m., in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, 820 E St. This WE cable network original special takes a behind-the-scenes look at five inmates. These women share their powerful stories, and provide an exploration into a rare phenomenon – female prisoners on death row. Following the screening, the film's executive producer Kathleen Farrell will lead a discussion. The film and discussion are free to the public. The final film of the series will be "Nadine in Dateland" on May 10.

Student Orchestra to Perform at Oak Park

The Oak Park Elementary School Orchestra, under the direction of instructor Derrick Suzuki, will present a short concert on April 5 at 3 p.m. at the Oak Park Branch Library, 2802 54th St., 619-527-3406.

Dr. Istvan Tuba to Discuss New Book, "The Third Resource: A Universal Ideology of Economics"

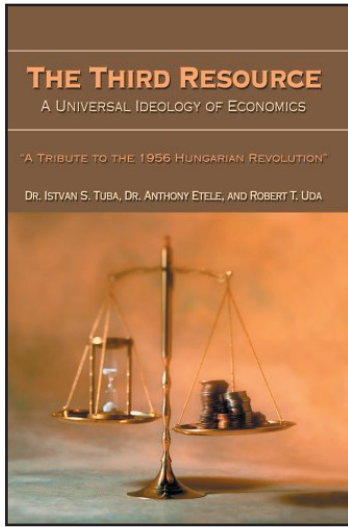
The Library will present local author Dr. Istvan Tuba, who will discuss his recently published book, "The Third Resource: A Universal Ideology of Economics," on April 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wangenheim Room of the Central Library.

Co-written with Anthony Etele and Robert T. Uda, "The Third Resource" explores ways in which modern technology and strategic capital may be used to avoid all local and regional conflicts.

Dr. Tuba, who took refuge in the United States following his role in the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, will discuss the differences and similarities between Soviet communist and Democratic capitalist economic ideologies.

He and his co-authors argue that with the fall of one superpower and the ascendancy of another, new socio-economic philosophies became necessary for world peace and the advancement of humanity. Dr. Tuba and his wife live in San Diego, where he serves as founder and executive director of the International Technology Institute.

The Central Library is located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. This free event is co-sponsored by the San Diego House of Hungary. For more information, call Dr. Tuba at 858-279-0483; or visit the Library on the City's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.



"Julius Caesar in Egypt" Opera to be Previewed

Special free preview presentations about productions of the 2006 San Diego Opera season are hosted by the Library. Opera preview lectures help you prepare for each of the San Diego Opera's productions and integrate both background and plot synopses of the repertoire into presentations that are both entertaining and illuminating. On April 11, at 2 p.m., **Dr. Ron Shaheen** will discuss "Julius Caesar in Egypt." The free lecture will take place in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, 820 E St., 619-236-5800. Shaheen is a music instructor at the University of San Diego.

Oasis at the Library Series Presents Programs on Dreams and Mozart

Two special presentations will be held in April as part of the Oasis at the Library series. One program will focus on dream interpretation and another will explore the work of Mozart.

On April 5, from 1 to 3 p.m., **Keith Burke**, an instructor at Cuyamaca College, will present "Introduction to Dreams and Their Interpretation." He will discuss the nature of dreams in a clear and succinct fashion, introducing the language of dream symbolism and dream structure. Mr. Burke will provide a succinct step-by-step process to interpret dreams and verify that interpretation. While he will draw heavily on C.G. Jung's method of dream analysis and archetypal amplification, he will also introduce alternative tools for comprehensive interpretation.

On April 19, from 6 to 9 p.m., **Steven Cassedy**, a professor of literature at UCSD, will present "Mozart and Classical Form." He will explore various dimensions of Mozart's music, illustrating his points with CDs and selections at the piano. We generally think of his music, positioned between the Baroque era of Bach and the Romantic era of the late Beethoven, as dignified and restrained. But the "classical form" of Mozart's music was much more complicated than this description suggests. In Mozart's era and after, it was common to think that the central purpose of music was to convey feelings.

Oasis is a unique educational program for mature adults who want to continue to learn and be productive during the best years of their lives. Both programs will take place at the Point Loma-Hervey Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St. Registration is required and can be made by calling the library at 619-531-1539.

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their daughters Maud Angelica and Leah Isadora.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the Friends of the Carmel Mountain Ranch Library book store. The princess will be available to sign purchased copies immediately following the book reading. The event will take place on Monday, April 3, at 4 p.m., in the meeting room of the Carmel Mountain Ranch Library, located at 12095 World Trade Drive. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 858-538-8181.

Even More Great Events and Programs!

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